

Paul	Sanders	Thompson (MS)
Payne	Sandlin	Thurman
Pelosi	Schakowsky	Tierney
Peterson (MN)	Schiff	Towns
Price (NC)	Scott	Udall (CO)
Rangel	Serrano	Udall (NM)
Reyes	Shows	Velazquez
Rivers	Skelton	Visclosky
Rodriguez	Smith (WA)	Watson (CA)
Roemer	Snyder	Watt (NC)
Ross	Solis	Waxman
Rothman	Spratt	Weiner
Roybal-Allard	Tanner	Woolsey
Sabo	Tauscher	Wu
Sanchez	Thompson (CA)	Wynn

NOT VOTING—29

Baker	Hall (OH)	Roukema
Barcia	Harman	Slaughter
Clay	Hastings (FL)	Smith (NJ)
Clement	John	Stark
Conbest	Johnson, E. B.	Trafficant
Conyers	Kaptur	Walsh
Cox	Luther	Waters
Coyne	Manzullo	Wexler
Cubin	Meek (FL)	Young (AK)
Gallegly	Peterson (PA)	

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So (two-thirds not having voted in favor thereof) the motion was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated against:

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present for rollcall vote No. 512. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

HIGHER EDUCATION RELIEF OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS ACT OF 2001

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). The unfinished business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the Senate bill, S. 1793.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. McKEON) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 1793.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the Senate bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

FIXED INTEREST RATES FOR STUDENT AND PARENT BORROWERS

(Mr. ARMEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I would just like to point out that increasing student loans and making them less expensive and costly has been a big part of our objectives in this majority, and we are very disappointed in the loss of this bill that just failed, S. 1762. I will mention that we will be having that bill available under a rule as soon as we can reconvene in the next session.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE OF TWO MEMBERS TO INFORM THE PRESIDENT THAT THE TWO HOUSES HAVE COMPLETED THEIR BUSINESS OF THE SESSION

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 327) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 327

Resolved, That a committee of two Members be appointed by the House to join a similar committee appointed by the Senate, to wait upon the President of the United States and inform him that the two Houses have completed their business of the session and are ready to adjourn, unless the President has some other communication to make to them.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 327, the Chair appoints the following Members of the House to the committee to notify the President: The gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY) and the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. GEPHARDT).

AUTHORIZING THE SPEAKER, MAJORITY LEADER, AND MINORITY LEADER TO ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS AND MAKE APPOINTMENTS NOTWITHSTANDING SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that until the day the House convenes for the second session of the 107th Congress, and notwithstanding any adjournment of the House, the Speaker, the majority leader, and the minority leader may accept resignations and make appointments authorized by law or by the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

AUTHORIZING SPEAKER TO APPOINT MEMBER TO PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE NOTWITHSTANDING SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that until the day the House convenes for the second session of the 107th Congress, the Speaker, pursuant to clause 11 of rule X and clause 11 of rule I, and notwithstanding the requirement of clause 11(a)(1) of rule X, may appoint a Member to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence to fill the existing vacancy thereon.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

GRANTING MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE PRIVILEGE TO EXTEND AND REVISE REMARKS IN CONGRESSIONAL RECORD UNTIL LAST EDITION IS PUBLISHED

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that Members may have until publication of the last edition of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD authorized for the first session by the Joint Committee on Printing to revise and extend their remarks and to include brief, related extraneous material on any matter occurring before the adjournment of the first session sine die.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

EXPRESSING THE WILL OF THE HOUSE THAT THE NATION HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY PERIOD

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it be the will of this House that all this Nation have a very merry holiday period that is safe and happy for all their families.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

LAYING ON THE TABLE H. RES. 290, H. RES. 291, H. RES. 317, H. RES. 318, AND H. RES. 321

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the following resolutions be laid on the table: H. Res. 290, H. Res. 291, H. Res. 317, H. Res. 318, and H. Res. 321.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT OF HON. TOM DAVIS OR HON. WAYNE T. GILCHREST TO ACT AS SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE TO SIGN ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS UNTIL HOUSE CONVENES FOR SECOND SESSION OF 107TH CONGRESS

The Speaker pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
December 20, 2001.

I hereby appoint the Honorable TOM DAVIS or, if not available to perform this duty, the Honorable WAYNE T. GILCHREST to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions until the day the House convenes for the second session of the 107th Congress.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the appointment is approved.

There was no objection.

MARSHALL UNIVERSITY GMAC BOWL CHAMPIONS

(Mr. RAHALL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, last night's GMAC Bowl in Mobile, Alabama could have carried a warning from the Surgeon General: Not recommended for those with heart conditions. In the end, with all due respect to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES), the best team won.

In only its fifth year, the Marshall University Thundering Herd stampeded over East Carolina. Although the Herd was down 38-8 at half-time, the enthusiasm of Marshall's fans did not waiver.

But Marshall rallied in the third quarter and charged on in the fourth. When time expired, the game was tied at 51. The noble opponents battled through two overtimes before Byron Leftwich connected on a pass to Josh Davis, ending the contest and securing the laurels of victory for our Thundering Herd. As the headline in the Huntington Herald Dispatch reads this morning, "Miracle in Mobile."

I congratulate Marshall's tenacious players and coaches, and applaud its faithful fans. Few football programs have suffered as severe a loss, struggled so valiantly, and risen to such heights, all in the course of 30 years.

During half time, Coach Bobby Pruett, who hails from my hometown of Beckley, West Virginia, talked with his team of belief and faith. It is a lesson we should all remember, not only in times of need, but in our everyday lives.

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RURAL EQUITY PAYMENT INDEX REFORM ACT

(Mr. BEREUTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, I advise Members that today I am introducing the Rural Equity Payment Index Reform Act, a bill that will address the difference in reimbursement levels between urban and rural physicians and other health professionals. The formulas presently used by the Medicare program to reimburse these health professionals for beneficiaries' medical care do not accurately measure the cost of providing services; and, consequently, Medicare currently pays rural providers less than it should for equal work.

According to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, "physician work" is the amount of time, skill and intensity a physician puts into patients' visits. Physicians and other health care providers in rural areas put in as much or even more time, skill and intensity into a patient visit as do physicians in urban areas. Yet, rural physicians are paid less for their work.

This is not only unfair, it is discriminatory.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to consider cosponsoring this legislation. We do not take it away from the urban health care providers. We do adjust upward the formula for rural areas.

TRIBUTE TO MELVIN SMITH

(Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to pay tribute to one of my constituents, Melvin Smith of Ellicott City, Maryland, who is retiring after more than 33 years of distinguished service with the United Parcel Service, the UPS. Mel was born on September 30, 1946, in Los Angeles, California. He attended Fremont High School and Los Angeles City College, and served in the Vietnam War.

He began his 33-year UPS career in 1968 as a package car driver in southern California. In 1976, Mel began his management career when he was promoted to full-time supervisor in the feeder transportation department. In 1981, Mel was promoted to hub division manager, and in 1993 he was promoted to district manager. Before Mr. Smith's retirement, he served as the chief operating officer of the UPS Atlanta district serving Maryland, Delaware, and parts of West Virginia.

Mel has always been active in numerous charities. In Maryland, Mr. Smith has served in a leadership capacity for the United Way, the Baltimore Urban League, and the Baltimore Chapter of the NAACP.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Mel Smith, his wife Debra Ann, and his entire family. Mel, enjoy your retirement.

(Ms. PELOSI asked and was given permission to speak out of order for 5 minutes and to revise and extend her remarks.)

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE DAVID E. BONIOR, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, today, and I do not want to use the word "last," but just in terms of chronology, today is the last day that our great minority whip, Democratic whip of the House, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. BONIOR) will serve in that capacity while the House is in session.

We will benefit for years to come from his service, 10 years, an historic 10 years as Democratic whip of the House, 4 years as chief deputy whip before that. That incredible experience is marked not only by longevity, but by the quality of his service. Leaders for all time to come will benefit from the example that he has set as a leader. Working families into perpetuity in our country have benefited and will continue to benefit from his championing of their issues. They have no

greater champion. Working families in America have no greater champion than DAVID BONIOR. He has been a model leader. He has been a tireless worker for workers. We all owe him a tremendous debt of gratitude. I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. BONIOR).

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, will the gentlewoman yield?

Ms. PELOSI. I yield to the gentleman from California.

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I join in this tribute to a career of remarkable service as a Member of this Congress, as our chief deputy whip, and as our whip for the last 10 years to my friend, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. BONIOR), who will be stepping down from that position of whip and will be going on to run a successful race for Michigan. I have supported him in everything he has ever run for, and I plan to continue to support him. I have never been more proud of a public servant.

I have to say to the Members of this House and to the public that may be listening, this is an individual that all of us can be proud that his district sent him to Washington because he never, never once veered from the track of taking care of the needs of his district. And as the gentlewoman from California (Ms. PELOSI) has pointed out, on behalf of working families, he made it part of our agenda, he made it part of our lexicon, he made it part of our principles and part of our morality. He has done it in almost every meeting that I have been in. He has done it on our motions to recommit.

We are not always given the best forum here to pursue these issues, but he has made sure that every opportunity we had, we did do it. Why? Because of his strong convictions about a notion of economic and social justice in this country, that those individuals who get up and go to work every day and work hard, that they ought to have the rewards to be able to support their families. If they fall on economic hard times, there ought to be an income supplement program so they do not have to lose their car or house or take their children out of school.

Mr. Speaker, many people we are seeing in this recession have worked 15, 20, 30 years, and now they find themselves unemployed. He has been a champion.

I had the pleasure of traveling with DAVID to Central America in pursuit of social and economic justice in Central America at a time when the violence was unbelievable. Many people forget what was taking place in Central America, the murder of American citizens, of religious individuals, of the archbishop, of so many people who were simply trying to get along, trying to live a life in Central America. He spent an incredible amount of his energy trying to bring the peace process around. We were eventually successful in Nicaragua, in El Salvador, and Guatemala trying to stop the violence. The